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I-20 RESURFACING PROJECT FROM SR 138 TO SR 124 BEGINS THIS WEEKEND

ATLANTA- The Georgia Department of Transportation is warning drivers to expect weekend delays along heavily traveled I-20 in DeKalb and Rockdale counties for the remainder of the summer as crews begin a long awaited resurfacing project.

Starting this Friday at 7 p.m. through Monday 5 a.m., the two inside westbound lanes will be closed from State Route 138 in Conyers to State Route 124 (Turner Hill Road). Crews plan to pave a six-mile lane each weekend, weather permitting. The \$12.2 million project which includes resurfacing and restriping of access ramps is scheduled to be completed in fall 2009.

"The roadway needs to be resurfaced because of its deteriorating condition," said DOT District Construction Engineer Mickey McGee, adding that this section of interstate was last resurfaced in the early 1990s.

The majority of the work will be limited to weekends and two travel lanes will remain open at all times while resurfacing is underway. Last weekend crews repaved and striped the shoulders for traffic to use when necessary.

It is important for motorists to use caution when traveling through a work zone. Signs will be posted alerting drivers of the work zone area. Please note that speed limits in a work zone are reduced and enforced. Fines are doubled for speeding in a work zone.

Georgia DOT urges travelers to call 511 for updated information about this project. Georgia 511 is a free phone service that provides real-time traffic and travel information statewide, such as traffic conditions, incidents, lane closures, construction, and delays due to bad weather. Callers can also reach live operators to request assistance or report incidents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. More information is available at www.511ga.org.

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